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Name Kesare-Devanur after Siddaramaiah

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy flays CM's silence on renaming Princess Road

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (BLU&BCT)- Joining the debate over the move to rename Princess Road (KRS Road) after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga', Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has sarcastically suggested naming Devanur Layout and Kesare village after CM Siddaramaiah.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru before chairing the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA Committee) meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall, Kumaraswamy criticised Siddaramaiah for his silence on road renaming issue.

Kumaraswamy referred to the Kesare village and Devanur Layout, which shot into fame following the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment scam allegedly involving Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi.

Parvathi was granted 14 sites in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages in exchange for her 3.16-acre land at Survey No. 464, Kesare which was acquired by MUDA for the Devanur Layout. Both Siddaramaiah and his wife and others are under investigation by the Lokayukta and the Enforcement Directorate, and the entire MUDA 50:50 scam is being probed by a One-Man Judicial Commission.

H.D. Kumaraswamy

CM Siddaramaiah

Kumaraswamy flayed Siddaramaiah for remaining silent on the renaming of Princess Road and questioned why the Government was removing the name connected to the legacy of the Mysore Royal Family in favour of Siddaramaiah. "Siddaramaiah is instigating his followers and supporters to rename a heritage road after him. This is a blatant disregard for history and heritage and also negates the contribution of the Mysore Royal Family," he noted.

"Tomorrow Siddaramaiah can claim that he has made major contributions for Karnataka. Does this mean Karnataka should be named after Siddaramaiah? I have also contributed to Mysuru's development immensely when I was the CM. I have also brought substantial grants to Mysuru. Did I ask for any road to be renamed after me? I have the love and trust of the people of Mysuru. Siddaramaiah should stop this petty road-naming politics. Rather he should make efforts to remain in people's hearts," he said.

KSRTC bus fare hike

Regarding the 15 percent hike in KSRTC bus fares, Union Minister Kumaraswamy criticised the increase, stating that it will only trouble the common people, not the Ministers. "What difficulty do they face?" Kumaraswamy asked, accusing the State Government of looting the people and causing them hardship.

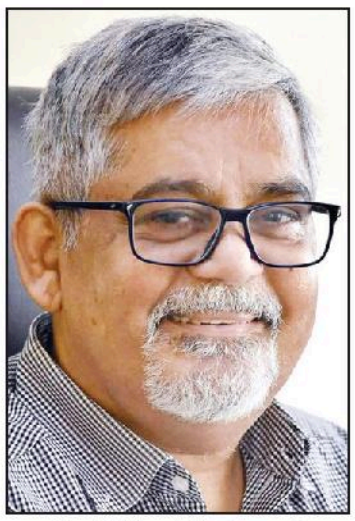
(See KESARE on page 7)

Prof. Muzaffar Assadi dies

He retired as Chairman of Department of Studies in Political Science, University of Mysore

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Prof. Muzaffar Assadi (64), a former Professor of the Department of Studies in Political Science, University of Mysore (UoM), passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru in the early hours of today while undergoing an emergency heart surgery. He was a resident of Third Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, in the city.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. His mortal remains was kept at his residence for a few hours this morning, following which it was shifted to Muslim Hostel, opposite Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade, where it was kept till afternoon today for enabling the public to pay their last respects. Later, Namaz-e-Asar was held at the Masjid in Muslim Hostel, followed by Janazah Namaz.



Prof. Muzaffar Assadi

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, past and present faculty members of the University, academicians, political leaders and people from different walks of life visited the residence of Prof. Assadi and offered their last respects to the departed scholar.

[See also page 7]

State Cabinet meeting at M.M. Hills on Feb. 13

Chamarajanagar, Jan. 4- The State Cabinet meeting will be held at M.M. Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district on Feb. 13. This is the first Cabinet meeting ever in Chamarajanagar district.

Shilpa Nag

Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the District Administration has sent a proposal in this regard to the Government and full preparations are underway at M.M. Hills for the important Cabinet meeting. The Government is likely to announce a special package for tribal housing and development of the district, she added.

Veteran Nuclear Scientist R. Chidambaram passes away

New Delhi, Jan. 4 (Agencies)- Veteran scientist Rajagopala Chidambaram, who played a key role in the nuclear tests of 1975 and 1998, died this morning, an official of the Department of Atomic Energy (DEA) said. He was 88.

Chidambaram, who was also associated with the nuclear weapons programme, breathed his last at Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai at 3.20 am, the official said.

"It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram, an eminent physicist and one of India's most distinguished scientists, this morning at 3.20 AM. Dr. Chidambaram's unparalleled contributions to India's scientific and strategic capabilities and his visionary leadership in science and technology will forever be remembered," a statement issued by the DAE said.

R. Chidambaram

Born in 1936, Chidambaram was an alumnus of Presidency College in Chennai and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

(See SCIENTIST on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 4th January 2025

Sports selection at Kendriya Vidyalaya MEG Centre

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Army Boys Sports Company, Madras Engineer Group and Camp Centre, Bengaluru, will be conducting selection trials of various sports persons in the age group of 8 to 14 years, from the district at Kendriya Vidyalaya MEG & Centre, Sports Ground, Bengaluru.

The boys and girls will be selected for boxing, hockey, sailing and swimming. Those candidates aged eight years should have passed at least in third grade or those below 14 years should have passed at least eighth or ninth grade.

Those attending the selection process should bring birth certificate, caste certificate, education certificate and certificate of conduct, domicile certificate, latest six passport size photographs, Aadhaar card and sports certificate along with respective sports kit.

Those candidates aged eight should be 134 cm tall and weigh 29 kg. Those aged nine years should be 139 cm tall and weigh 31 kg. Those aged 10 years should be 143 cm tall and 34 kg.

Those aged 11 years should be 150 cm tall and weigh 37 kg. Those aged 12 years should be 153 cm tall and weigh 40 kg. Those aged 13 years should be 155 cm tall and 42 kg. Those aged 14 years should be 160 cm tall and weigh 47 kg.

For details contact Boxing (78927-66021), Hockey (72047-93183), Sailing (98670-88865) and Swimming (95673-45347).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ABSTINENCE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: ***All of us want to be achievers. Yet, when we find difficulties or obstacles in our path, we become discouraged. However, the ones who are determined, are ready to go that extra mile to get what they want. Now, the secret of the quality of the success lies in the path we pursue. Determination laced with discipline with a dose of ethical conduct can help us arrive at our chosen destination without the baggage of sin or guilt.***

It is interesting to note that a young eighth century saint poetess Andal registered the code to righteous accomplishment in her devotional poetry *Thiruppavai.*

Girls were married off at a very young age in those days. Parents would encourage them to take up the *Kathyayini Vratham* ***or the*** *Paavai Nombu* ***as it was called in South India, so that they could get suitable life partners who would cherish them all their lives. This austere vow required girls to get up well before dawn in winter in the*** *Dhanur Maasa* ***of the Indian calendar and bathe in the cold waters of the river and then worship the goddess.***

Andal, the adopted daughter of Periaazhwaar, took up this vow with earnest zeal with the hope of marrying Lord Krishna, the groom of her dreams. She understood that if she abstained from the regular distractions of the world, she could be much more sincere in her pursuits. Besides, she also knew that if she included like-minded friends in her group, they could support and encourage one another as and when required. So, she gathered her companions and pledged for all of them to follow some ground rules through the month in the name of the Lord.

Goda announced that the girls would maintain a strictly vegan diet and abstain from the ubiquitous milk and ghee to remain fit. They would also not indulge in grooming themselves and refrain from applying collyrium and wearing flowers, so that they could focus better on their oath.

The girls promised not to indulge in the cardinal sins or even raise their voices against anyone. Additionally, they would make it a point to be charitable, as and when possible. Thus, the lady Aazhwar, chalked out a path of abstinence at the physical, mental and spiritual levels which would complement the route to accomplishment righteously.

— S. Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dad ends son's relationship to marry his girlfriend

Beijing: Liu Liange, former Chairman of the Bank of China, allegedly convinced his son to break up with his fiancée just so he could court and marry her instead.

After divorcing his first wife, Liange remarried three times, with people remarking that his wives got younger and more attractive each time, culminating in his controversial fourth marriage to his son's ex-fiancée. Liu started pressuring his son into breaking up with her, claiming that she was not from a good family.

Six months after breaking up with his fiancée, Liu Liange learned that his former partner would soon become his third stepmother. The news was reportedly so shocking that it plunged the young man into deep depression.

Unfortunately for Liu Liange, he couldn't enjoy his fourth marriage for very long, as that same year, someone reported him to the Commission for Discipline Inspection.

Two men steal 140 shopping carts

Newark: Two men arrested in Newark are being called career criminals, but Police say they aren't stealing things like cars or jewels. They were allegedly swiping shopping carts.

Police arrested 77-year-old Alfredo Rodriguez and 54-year-old Hector Cortes, calling them the "Shopping Cart Bandits." The pair was busted in the parking lot after the store's security started their own investigation and handed cops security video.

Rodriguez and Cortes allegedly had been at it for two weeks, taking at least 140 carts and selling them for about 200 dollars a piece.

The Food Marketing Institute estimates two million shopping carts are stolen each year. Sometimes it's done as a matter of convenience, but not always.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stop the Bleed: Apply firm pressure to bleeding wounds. If necessary, use a clean cloth and apply direct pressure to control bleeding until help arrives.

By Dr. Amoghavarsha - Emergency Specialist
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Scholarships and Fellowships: Calling Ph.D students

Mysuru, Jan. 4- The District Officer of Backward Classes Department has invited online applications from eligible Ph.D students, who are engaged in full-time Ph.D studies for monthly scholarships and fellowships.

Applicants must belong to Backward Classes Category-1, 2(A), 3(A) and 3(B). Online application must be submitted before Jan. 20. Candidates must be a permanent resident of Karnataka and must belong to any of the categories stated above. The annual income limit for Category - 1, 2(A) and 3(A) is Rs. 4.5 lakh and for Category - 3(B) is Rs. 3.5 lakh. They should have scored a minimum 55 percent marks in Post-Graduate degree examinations. Applicants who want to register for full-time fellowships, must have studied in first year Ph.D 2 years prior to the last day of submitting applications. Contact Mob: 80507-70004 or visit: *https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two farmers were visiting the museum for the first time. They stopped in front of an Egyptian mummy. It had a sign in front of it saying "2337 BC."

First farmer: *What does 2337 BC mean?*

Second farmer: *I don't know. I guess it must be the number of the car that hit him!!*

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1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 85.77**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Proposed new Bus Terminal will create traffic chaos and destroy Bannimantap

Attn: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the citizens of Mysuru to the full-page article titled ***'Another Ostrich Policy of KSRTC'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 25, 2024, explaining the dangers of locating a new Bus Terminal at Bannimantap.

And a front-page news published in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 3, 2025 states that the Cabinet has approved the proposal sent by KSRTC. With this the New Bus Terminal is definitely coming up and probably coming up pretty fast!

Many reports had pointed out that KSRTC's City Bus Stand at K.R. Circle is the main cause for traffic congestion in Central Business District (CBD). **Yet it went on to spend huge amounts to develop this Terminal, making the traffic still worse.**

When it built a few Bus Terminals on or at the periphery of the ORR, it was expected that they may become new centres in diverting inward and outward flow of bus traffic within the city. Nothing of that sort happened.

Ironically, even when the Rural Bus Stand on Bengaluru-Nilgiri (B.N.) Road had become congested causing huge traffic snarls and inconveniences to the users, KSRTC went on to spend huge funds and **rebuilt the entire Bus Terminal.** Only to find it insufficient for bus services! And Parking.

Now KSRTC is going ahead with another *faux pas* with the upcoming Bus Stand on Nelson Mandela Road in Bannimantap.

As it is, the current traffic on Nelson Mandela Road (Bannimantap Main Road) is adequately congested. And the new Bannimantap Bus Terminal will put the entire surrounding residential and commercial area into a huge traffic bottleneck. To start with 2,600 buses are going to shift their operation to this new terminal. But soon hundreds of buses will be added.

Bannimantap is the final destination of Mysuru's ten-day Dasara festivities. As a prelude to this, over a dozen Dasara elephants have their practice walks for nearly a month from the Mysore Palace to Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds. Just imagine the worsened traffic situation at the junction of proposed Bus Stand on Nelson Mandela Road and the heritage Bannimantap where the Banni tree worship would take place on the tenth day of Dasara.

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Interestingly, this new Bus Terminal will have to cater to the additional Dasara crowds and the resultant bus traffic!! Surely, this is a prescription for final destruction of Mysuru's heritage.

Mysuru is already a victim to rapacious wrong decisions of MCC and MUDA. And KSRTC is equally guilty in this regard. Now that the Cabinet has given its approval, Mysureans have to protect themselves.

It is going to be a turning point for the heritage of Mysuru. The educational institutions, residents and the small-scale industrial units located in and around Bannimantap Extension will have to realise the ensuing danger and take up the matter appropriately. Time is ticking and urgent action is called for.

—**R. Chandra Prakash**
Mysuru
3.1.2025

NOTE: *Chief Minister Siddaramaiah MUST personally intervene immediately and undo the decision already taken by his Cabinet. Failing which, we are told, a PIL will be filed. It should NOT be a case of 'Act in haste and regret at leisure' as happened with the City Bus Stand at K.R. Circle and the Sub-Urban Bus Stand on B.N. Road.*—**KBG**

Appointment of Legal Counsellors by Private Medical Authority

Mysuru, Jan. 4- The Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Authority (KPMEA) will verify the records of candidates for appointment of Legal Counsellors, at Doctors Bhavan in the premises of the Department of Health and Family Welfare Office in Nazarbad, from 10.30 am to 1 pm on Jan. 10. Those appointed will be paid Rs. 30,000 towards monthly honorarium. A direct interview will take place after scrutiny of records.

LLB/BA, LLB passed candidates who are proficient in English and Kannada language and typing, good communication skills and other required skills, credentials and experience can take part. The candidates must be below 35 years.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Samskrita Kaveri Zonal Meet

Samskrita Bharati has organised Samskrita Kaveri Zonal Conference of 2024-25 on Feb. 1 and 2 at Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in city. The highlights of the Conference are special lectures, various sessions, Shobha Yatra, public meeting, exhibition, science exhibition, book exhibition and sales, cultural programmes and valedictory session. The registration fee is Rs. 150. Samskrita Bharati is a non-Government, non-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of samskrit. An apex body of all voluntary organisations working towards the revival and promotion of samskrit, according to a press release from Zonal Chairman P.N. Shastri and Secretary Gururao Kulkarni. For further details about the Zonal Meet, contact Mob: 78990-73770 or 73493-98262.

Training for Bank job aspirants

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examinations Training Centre has organised 45-day training camp for the aspirants of exams conducted for the recruitment of SBI officers and clerical staff. Interested candidates can enrol their names by calling Ph: 0821-2515944 before Jan. 8, according to a press release from KSOU Registrar Prof. K.B. Praveena.

Jatra Mahotsava

Jatra Mahotsava will be held at Sri Rama Temple in Chunchanakatte from Jan. 5 to 20. Brahmarathotsava will be held on Jan. 15 and Teppotsava on Jan. 17, according to a press release from the Saligrama Tahsildar.

Ph.D awardees

P. Karthik has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis "Investors' Behaviour Towards Systematic Investment Plan of Private Mutual Funds in Bengaluru - A Study" submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.S. Gurudath.

N. Mandasmitha has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Issues and Challenges in Marketing of Organic Products in Bengaluru District - A Perceptual Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.S. Gurudath.

14 sites returned to MUDA by CM's wife Parvathi

Cancellation of sale deed at home casts many doubts

RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna visits Lokayukta office; submits memorandum to SP Udesh for detailed probe

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (BLU&BS)- Right to Information (RTI) activist Snehamayi Krishna has submitted a memorandum to Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh, demanding probe into the nature of returning of 14 alternative sites allotted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Krishna

Krishna submitted a written request in this regard at Lokayukta SP's office on Dewan's Road in the city on Friday.

In his observation, Krishna has said, Parvathi has taken part in the process of cancellation of 14 sites allotted to her at Vijayanagar, on Oct. 1, 2024. The Additional District Registrar had visited Siddaramaiah's residence in T.K. Layout, where the process of cancellation of sites registered in favour of Parvathi was completed, which casts aspersion for many reasons. The provision to complete the process of registration of assets is allowed at home only in the case of sick persons, aged, prisoners and the VIPs. However, Parvathi does not belong to any category, but how did the ADR extend the privilege to the former, asked Krishna.

On Oct. 1 at 5.42 pm, the process of cancellation of sale deed of 14 sites was completed in the Sub-Registrar's office at MUDA premises and was registered in favour of MUDA by obtaining the signatures of Parvathi at the latter's home in T.K. Layout at 6.30 pm. Is it possible to complete the process of cancellation and registration along with relevant evidence, by travelling from MUDA to T.K. Layout within 45 minutes? questioned Krishna.

What was the reason behind Parvathi completing the registration process by summoning the ADR to her residence? Why was the residential address mentioned as Cauvery, the official residence of CM, instead of mentioning their permanent residential address mentioned in Aadhaar card?

It becomes clear that, Parvathi has not visited even her T.K. Layout residence, to complete the registration process, if one takes a closer look into the nature of how the registration process was done. Instead she was sitting elsewhere, but the place of registration has been mentioned as her T.K. Layout home, alleged Krishna.

The cancellation and registration of sale deed is not legally valid and the whole process should be probed in a comprehensive manner, demanded Krishna.

10 sites allotted over forged documents

Krishna has also appealed to the Lokayukta SP to investigate into 10 sites allotted by MUDA under 50:50 scheme on the basis of forged documents.

The sites in question have been allotted to one Sureshamma against 1.25 acres of land at Survey Number 72 in Devanur village, Mysuru taluk. The name of Sureshamma is among the list of 928 beneficiaries, allotted sites under 50:50 scheme. It should be probed, demanded Krishna.

Youth sneaks into house for theft, 'misbehaves' with woman

Angry villagers trace the accused and beat him, before handing him over to Cops

Nanjangud, Jan. 4- A youth, who sneaked into a house to commit theft, allegedly misbehaved with a woman, only to be beaten black and blue by the villagers at Bokkahalli in Nanjangud taluk in the district recently.

Harsha, son of Venkatachala of Bokkahalli, is that youth. He had allegedly sneaked into the house of a woman, who had lost her husband four months ago.

She was eking out her living by working as a cook at Backward Classes and Minorities (BCM) Hostel in Mysuru. She had recently leased out her one acre of land for Rs. 3 lakh and had

kept the amount in the house. Harsha, who was aware of the woman having cash at home, sneaked into her house on the midnight of Jan. 1. The woman woke up to a strange sound and inspected the house, only to find Harsha hiding below the cot. He allegedly tried to misbehave with her, before fleeing away.

The woman narrated the ordeal to villagers, who traced Harsha & tied him to a pole, beat him black & blue, before handing him over to the Police. He has also confessed to have barged into the woman's house with the intention of burglary. Nanjangud Rural Police have registered a case.

Burglars, vehicle-lifters held; goods worth Rs. 20.14 lakh seized

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (KS)- In separate cases, Saraswathipuram and Devaraja Police have arrested house burglars and two-wheeler lifters and have recovered stolen gold, silver, two-wheelers and a car, all worth Rs. 20,14,200, from them.

In the first case, Saraswathipuram Police on Dec. 9 and 23, 2024 arrested two persons on charges of committing house burglary and stealing vehicles and have recovered 240 grams gold ornaments, 1.146 kg silver articles and a Maruti 800 car in connection with a house burglary case at Channapatna East Police Station limits and vehicle lifting case at Chintamani Police limits. The recovered stolen booty is worth about Rs. 18,09,200.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad guided Saraswathipuram Inspector G. Purushotham, Sub-Inspectors T.S. Mahendra and S.S. Latha, ASI Nagaraju and staff Sheshadri, Basavaraje Urs, Mohan Kumar, Kumar, Sudeep Kumar, Rakshit Kumar, Chandrashekar and Technical Wing's Kumar in the nabbing and recovery operation.

In the 2nd case, Devaraja Police, on Dec. 28, 2024, arrested a man near Railway Station Circle on charges of lifting vehicles and have recovered one two-wheeler worth Rs. 1.05 lakh from him.

On the same day, the Cops arrested another man near the Town Hall and recovered two two-wheelers worth Rs. 1 lakh from him.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shanthamallappa guided Devaraja Inspector T.B. Shivakumar, Sub-Inspectors Jaikeerthi and Prabhu and staff P.R. Shashikanth, R.R. Manjunath, Ravikumar Kendagannaswamy, Shashikiran, Shivaraju and Sunil Kumar in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Obituary

S.D. Rani

Mysuru, Jan. 4- S.D. Rani (75), wife of late Kumar and a resident of EWS Colony, Bannimantap 3rd Stage in city, passed away here on Friday. She leaves behind her son Satish, daughter Pallavi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap this afternoon.

M.B. Nijaguna

M.B. Nijaguna (79), a resident of Lakshmipuram in city, passed away here yesterday.

Daughter of the city's Guru Sweet Mart Founder late M. Basavanna and Kempananjamma couple and wife of Nagarle S. Mahalinganna, she leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Friday evening.

Kodagu team shines at Isha Gramotsavam in Coimbatore

The Maragodu team from Kodagu, which won the throwball match at Isha Gramotsavam in Coimbatore, is seen with Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, cricket legends Virender Sehwag and Venkatesh Prasad and other dignitaries.

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (AG&BCT)- The 16th Isha Gramotsavam concluded with a grand finale at the Adiyogi grounds of the Isha Foundation in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, showcasing rural sporting talent and community spirit.

The Maragodu team from Kodagu emerged victorious in the throwball final, defeating Tamil Nadu's P.G. Pudur team. The winners were awarded an attractive trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh.

The event, launched by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev in 2004, is designed to revive the resilient spirit of rural communities through sports and playfulness. The thrilling matches captivated the audience against the backdrop of the 112-foot Adiyogi statue.

Key Winners — Throwball: Winner - Kodagu Maragodu & Runner-up - P.G. Pudur (Tamil Nadu); **Volleyball:** Winner - Banakal (Karnataka) & Runner-up - Palli (Karnataka); **Para Volleyball:** Winner - Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) & Runner-Up - Krishnagiri (Tamil Nadu).

Prizes were distributed by Sadhguru along with cricket legends Virender Sehwag and Venkatesh Prasad, accompanied by other dignitaries.

Isha Gramotsavam has become a significant social initiative, fostering community well-being, empowering women and breaking social barriers.

This year's event began in August and spanned across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry, with competitions held in 194 rural locations. Over 60,000 players, including 10,000 women, participated in sports like Kabaddi and Throwball, embodying the spirit of rural India.

Conserving Coorg Culture

Rathi Vinay Jha, IAS (Retd.) is Coorg Person of the Year-2024

Rathi Vinay Jha

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Rathi Vinay Jha, IAS (Retd.), has been selected as the 'Coorg Person of the Year-2024' for her proactive role in promoting Kodava culture at a time when the Kodavas (Coorgs) have begun embracing mainstream Brahminical practises, in preference to their age-old traditions of ancestor and nature-worship.

Rathi (Codanda), who has her roots in Kodagu and a former Union Tourism Secretary, has initiated several projects to conserve Kodava culture and the martial traditions of the community, known for its contributions to the nation, in the areas of defence and sports.

The selection of 'Coorg Person of the Year' was made on the basis of a poll conducted by *www.coorgtourisminfo.com*, Kodagu's news and tourism portal promoted by journalist and author P.T. Bopanna.

Rathi was instrumental in setting up virtual museum of Kodava heritage and culture, the project known as *Sandooka,* a treasure trove of information. The virtual museum is an interactive online space, brought together through material contributed by the Kodava community. *Sandooka* will be a living museum of Kodava culture and will be useful for future generations of Kodavas.

Even while she was in service in the Union Government, Rathi was instrumental in sanctioning the **Kodava Heritage Centre** in Madikeri way back in 2004. After more than two decades, the project is yet to be completed due to the lackadaisical attitude of successive Karnataka Governments.

It was at the instance of Rathi, a model of the Kodava *Ainmane* (ancestral house) was inaugurated in October 2024 at the **Dakshinachitra Museum** near Chennai.

Dakshinachitra is home to 18 traditional houses that depict the unique culture of South India. The *Ainmane* project involved dismantling a structure built in 1852 in Kodagu and was transported to Dakshinachitra Museum.

The concept of 'Coorg Person of the Year' was conceived by P.T. Bopanna in 2005 with a view to identify 'role models' in Kodagu. He brought out a book in 2021, profiling the winners of the 'Coorg Person of the Year' title from 2005 to 2020.

Padma Shri awardee Rani Machaiah (Iymudiyanda), an exponent of the Ummathat folk dance of Kodagu, was chosen as the 'Coorg Person of the Year-2023' while Pan-India actress and 'National Crush of India' **Rashmika Mandanna** (Mundachadira) was 'Coorg Person of the Year-2022.'

National Drama and Folk Dance Competitions

City DMS team leaves for Gwalior

Mysuru, Jan. 4- A team of students of Demonstration Multipurpose School (DMS), a constituent unit of Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, led by RIE Professor Dr. Shashikumar and Department of Dance and Drama Professor Vidushi Harinakshi, has left for Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh to participate at the National Drama and Folk Dance Competitions to be held at Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education Institute campus in Gwalior from Jan. 5 to 8.

More than 400 students from more than 100 schools, who are studying the Central syllabus, will be participating in this National Competitions. They will be performing dance forms of their respective States and regions.

DMS students Moulya, Trisha, Parinita,Janhavi, Upasana, Nikita, Gandharva, Lalitya, Vishrutha, Sushanth and Tanmay will participate in the competitions and showcase their talent in dance and drama.

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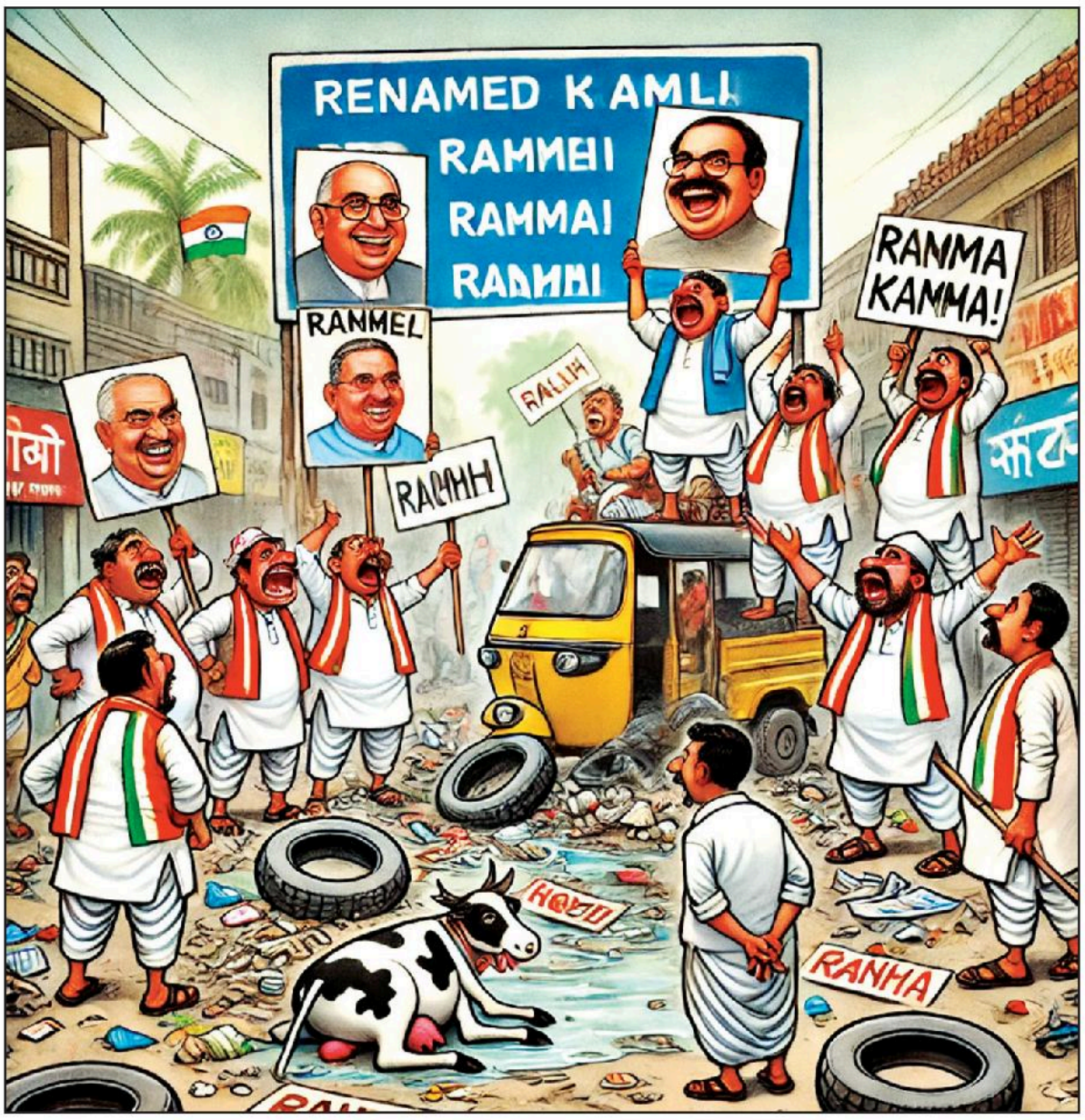
Vikram Muthanna

The NAME Game



Every time we pray for a game-changing Government, we seem to end up with a name-changing one — more focused on swapping plaques than shaping policies.

When Congress holds power, renaming seems to revolve around the Gandhi family. Roads, airports, institutions and even national parks morph into tributes to the dynasty.

Karnataka's Nagarahole National Park, steeped in its own historical narrative, became Rajiv Gandhi National Park. Even basic utilities like water and electricity were branded with Gandhi names, as though Indians owed perpetual gratitude to their new 'benevolent' rulers — ironic since all these services were taxpayer-funded in a new 'democratic' India.

The BJP, in turn, engages in its own renaming crusade, rolling back Congress-era names or rebranding with its ideological icons. The result? A never-ending cycle of identity politics that reduces even a road to a political branding issue.

This obsession with renaming is harmful; it erodes history. Consider Delhi's Connaught Place and Connaught Circus, rechristened as Indira Chowk and Rajiv Chowk in 1995.

The much-educated Congressman Mani Shankar Aiyar defended the move with a bizarre metaphor: The names symbolised *"a mother embracing her son." A BJP MP famously retorted, "Is this country the fiefdom of Rajiv and Indira?"* An audacious Congress MP replied, *"Yes."*

The trend isn't confined to the national stage anymore as now the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has proposed renaming a stretch of KRS Road, officially named Princess Road as *'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,'* after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Why? Because of the hospitals established during his tenure.

But here's the catch: Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar constructed a Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases Hospital named Princess Krishnajammanni Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (PKTB &CD) Hospital way back in 1921, that's 104 years ago, and back then he had the vision to earmark 200 acres of land for future development!

Without Nalwadi's foresight, there wouldn't have been space for Siddaramaiah to build the modern healthcare facilities he did. Yet, instead of celebrating this visionary legacy, there's a push to overwrite it.

The renaming proposal also exposed bureaucratic incompetence. The MCC Commissioner didn't know the road already had a name — Princess Road — and Mysuru MP Yaduveer Wadiyar had to visit him with proof!

If our MCC Commissioner had just taken a quick glance at the address boards on the old houses along that road he could have avoided the embarrassment.

This renaming obsession is a circus of political sycophancy, with loyalists leaping to flatter their leaders while those in power silently smile their approval.

It would be better if CM Siddaramaiah listened to what MLC A.H. Vishwanath had to say yesterday.

The MLC warned Siddaramaiah that his overzealous supporters risk tarnishing his reputation and cited the MUDA controversy as an example of how his overzealous followers have gotten him into trouble.

Indeed, when people in public life do good work, they must be honoured but excessive renaming doesn't honour — it insults. It dilutes the legacy.

Worse in India, streets and statues meant to celebrate achievements often turn into symbols of neglect.

Take the case of Mahatma Gandhi Road in our city. If Gandhiji were to walk down this road he would gasp *"Hey Ram!"* and collapse.

This road has the filthiest market. The road is constantly blocked and stinking with goods autos, rotting vegetables, cows and dung. It's an insult to Gandhiji.

The same issue with the Thathaiah Park near the City Bus Stand. M. Venkatakrishnaiah, fondly known as Thathaiah, was a freedom fighter from our city and Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, to celebrate his contributions, imported Italian marble to make his statue.

The statue was unveiled by President of India V. V. Giri in 1969. Now the statue sits in the midst of chaos, dust and pigeon poop.

Renaming roads sets a bad precedent. Today it is officially Princess Road, tomorrow it may turn into *'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga'*, soon another leader named Ramaiah may come along and build a line of colleges and his supporters will want it renamed as *'Ramaiah Vidya Marga…'* Where will it end?

For now, we helpless tax-payers want to tell the Government — first make good roads, then worry about naming or renaming them.

P.S. – *Just some road-related trivia. In 1969, the Left Front in West Bengal renamed the street outside the US Consulate in Kolkata after Ho Chi Minh, the communist leader who sent the US military packing from Vietnam.*

Similarly, the Iranians named the street in Tehran on which the British Embassy stood as Bobby Sands Road. Bobby Sands was a member of the Irish Republican Army which was opposed to British rule.

Speaking of roads, there is a road called Mysore Road in London. It is named after a recruitment centre of the Mysore Regiment which was housed on that street. There is a Mysore Street in New Zealand and a Mysore Road in South Africa!

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Bahuroopi National Theatre Fest in city from Jan. 14 to 19

Preparations in full swing at Rangayana

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (RK&BS)- Preparations are in full swing for Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival organised by Rangayana from Jan. 14 to 19 in the city.

The artistes are giving finishing touch to the huge masks and other artefacts, to aptly decorate the premises of the repertory to attract theatre buffs.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju presided over the preliminary meeting at his office meeting hall on Friday and directed the officials to provide required facilities to ensure success of the theatre fest.

The ADC said, "It is our responsibility to bring pride to Mysuru by successfully organising Bahuroopi on the lines of Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara. The cleanliness should be maintained at Kalamandira and Rangayana, along with providing drinking water and mobile toilet facilities, which is the prime responsibility of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

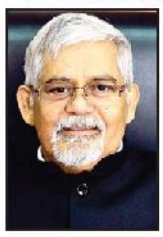
The five guarantee schemes of the Government should be publicised further by screening the benefits of the schemes on digital screens at prominent circles in the city. Uninterrupted electricity should be supplied for the theatre festival. The KSRTC should operate buses to various localities from 6 pm to 10 pm and arrangements should be made to attract more number of school and college students and teachers to the theatre festival."

Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, who recalled the history of Rangayana, said that it has been planned to stage 24 plays in six days of the theatre festival. Apart from other language plays, the children's plays will also be staged simultaneously.

Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan said, four mini buses and three Tata Sumo vehicles should be provided to ferry the guests and artistes, taking part in Bahuroopi. Guest houses will be arranged for the accommodation of VIPs and stalls will be opened for the exhibition-cum-sale of books and other articles.

Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Deputy Director of School Education and Literacy Department Jaware Gowda, Assistant Director of Department of Information and Public Relations T.K. Harish and other officials were present.

Prof. Assadi had many academic distinctions



Prof. Assadi

Born on Aug. 24, 1961 at Shirva in Udupi district, Prof. Muzaffar Assadi excelled in studies and joined as a faculty of Political Science, UoM in 1994 and went on to become the Chairman of the Department of Studies in Political Science. He also served as the In-charge Vice-Chancellor of UoM.

Prof. Assadi had many academic distinctions and was conferred with the prestigious Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award in 2011. He served as Chairman of Karnataka High Court Committee on Displacement and Rehabilitation of Tribals, Trustee/Governing Council Member of a couple of NGOs, President of UoM Teachers Association for many years, Member of Textbook Development Committee, NCERT and Vice-President of PUCL (People's Union for Civil Liberties), Karnataka.

He was a Member of multiple Academic Societies and in Editorial Committees of many Journals and other International Publications on Political Science.

A vociferous social writer and a noted columnist, Prof. Assadi had presented many papers and participated in national and International conferences. He held membership in Universities (Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council) and other Academic bodies.

Only last week, Prof. Assadi had taken part in the release of the book "Avasaanadatta Nilagiri Kannadigaru" (Nilagiri Kannadigas on the brink of extinction) at Rangayana, during which he delved on the report of High Court Committee headed by him on resettlement of Tribals.

Former MLA no more

Jayavani

Maddur, Jan. 4- Former Maddur MLA Jayavani Manchegowda (91), wife of late former MLA M. Manchegowda, passed away at her residence in Maddur town on Friday due to age-related illness. She is survived by three sons Dr. M. Maheshchand, a former MLA, M. Swarupchand and Prafulchand, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Jayavani was elected from Maddur Assembly segment in the by-polls held in 1984 following the demise of her husband Manchegowda, who was elected from the constituency in the 1983 assembly polls. She had also served as the President of M.H.Channegowda Educational Institutions at Maddur.

Her last rites were performed at Maddur this afternoon, according to family sources.

Veteran Nuclear Scientist passes away

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Chidambaram held numerous prestigious positions throughout his career, including Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (2001–2018), director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (1990-1993), chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and secretary to the government of India, DAE (1993-2000).

He also served as chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (1994-1995).

Chidambaram played a pivotal role in shaping India's nuclear capabilities. **"He played an integral role in the nation's first nuclear test in 1974 and led the Department of Atomic Energy team during the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998.** His contributions established India as a nuclear power on the global stage," the statement said.

"As a world-class physicist, Dr. Chidambaram's research in high-pressure physics, crystallography and materials science significantly advanced the scientific community's understanding of these fields. His pioneering work in these areas laid the foundation for modern materials science research in India," it said.

He was honoured with prestigious accolades, including the Padma Shri in 1975 and the **Padma Vibhushan** in 1999. He received honorary doctorates from several universities and was a fellow of eminent Indian and international science academies.

Name Kesare-Devanur after Siddaramaiah

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"Siddaramaiah claims that he is the most prominent finance minister in India after Dr. Manmohan Singh. Could he not manage funds better? How can he openly allow the loot of the State by his Ministers? See the MUDA scam and the Maharshi Valmiki Corporation scams. They have occurred under his very nose. Why he could not stop them? There is a huge disparity between development and the struggles faced by ordinary citizens," he said.

"Due to financial mismanagement and improper administration, the treasury has been depleted. Massive tax collections are taking place. Since coming to power, the Congress Government has consistently increased all taxes and charges. Where is the remaining taxpayers' money going? Shouldn't they answer this?" he questioned.

Year after year, tax collections are increasing, yet there is zero development. They are neglecting development under the pretext of guarantees, Kumaraswamy noted.

Mamata Banerjee's close aide Babla Sarkar shot dead

Kolkata, Jan. 4 (Agencies)- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said in a post on X that her 'close associate' and Trinamool Congress leader Dulal, who is known as Babla Sarkar was allegedly shot dead in Malda district.

On social media, the Chief Minister expressed deep shock over the incident and confirmed that he had been "murdered" and urged immediate action against the culprits.

In a post on X, Mamata Banerjee said: "My close associate, and a very popular leader, Babla Sarkar has been murdered today. From the beginning of the Trinamool Congress, he (and his wife Chaitali Sarkar) worked hard for the party, and Babla was also elected a councillor."

It should be noted that Babla Sarkar was the TMC councillor from Malda and was shot by four bike-borne assailants at the Jhaljhalia More area on Thursday morning. The incident happened as miscreants approached him from behind and fired four rounds from close range and on the spot, he was hit by three bullets and sustained injuries in his shoulder.

After the incident came to the limelight, TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee urged the Police to take swift action against the culprits irrespective of their political affiliations.

Notably, TMC leader Dulal Sarkar was undergoing treatment at Malda Medical College Hospital after being shot and reports claimed that Sarkar was targeted from a close range and was struck by three bullets.

Three arrested: Meanwhile, West Bengal Police have arrested three people in connection with the murder of Dulal Sarkar in Malda. Police sources said the killing was premeditated, with extensive reconnaissance conducted beforehand.

According to Police sources, the three arrested are contract killers. Authorities informed the court that the alleged mastermind behind the murder remains at large.

Air Kerala explores air services from Mysuru

Preliminary meeting held; Three Mysuru-Kerala flights by May 2025, six by year-end

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SBD&BCT)- Air Kerala has expressed interest in launching air services from Mysore Airport, with a preliminary discussion held at Airport premises here last evening.

The meeting saw the participation of Air Kerala, Airports Authority of India-Mysuru officials, led by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda where the discussion laid the groundwork for a strategic collaboration aimed at enhancing tourism, aviation and business prospects in the region.

During the meeting, Air Kerala officials shared plans to initiate three air services connecting Mysuru to Kerala and other destinations by May 2025, with six services operational by year-end.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Yaduveer expressed delight over Air Kerala's initiative, emphasising the growing demand for enhanced air connectivity from Mysuru. He highlighted plans to connect Mysore with Kerala and other cities, supported by the acquisition of three aircraft in May.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar addressing reporters after a preliminary discussion with Air Kerala at the Mysore Airport premises last evening as (from left) Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Air Kerala Chairman Afi Ahmad and Vice-Chairman Ayub Kallada look on.

"Current flights from Mysuru to Chennai and Hyderabad are running at full capacity. There is significant demand for new routes, including Goa, Kochi, Mumbai and Belagavi. Air Kerala has conducted surveys to assess this demand and reviewed the airport's infrastructure. While a final decision awaits reassessment, the launch of air services from Mysuru is confirmed," he said.

Air Kerala Chairman Afi Ahmad outlined the company's roadmap. "While the specific Kerala base is yet to be finalised, AAI Mysuru has assured full cooperation. Preparations are underway to ensure a successful launch," he said.

He added that Mysuru would initially host over 10 weekly flights, rendering Udaan scheme inapplicable. The company aims to serve South and Central Indian States, including Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra, with aspirations for international recognition in future.

"Our focus extends beyond the Udan (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagarik-Regional Connectivity) Scheme. We aim to align air services with tourism and industrial growth, requiring cooperation. Effective tourism promotion will play a critical role," he remarked.

The meeting was attended by Air Kerala Vice-Chairman Ayub Kallada, CEO Harish Kutty, Head of Ground Operations Shamon Pattavathukal, Mysore Airport Director J.R. Anoop, President COO, Meritor HVS India Limited Dr. N. Muthukumar, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels, Skal President C.A. Jayakumar and representatives from various organisations including CII.

Expanding air services key to Mysuru's growth: GTD

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SBD&BCT)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) emphasised the importance of expanding air services for Mysuru's development.

Speaking at the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held at the Mysore Airport last evening, he called for a concerted effort to increase the number of flights operating from the city, restoring Mysuru's previous momentum in air connectivity.

"If air services are enhanced, Mysuru will witness significant growth in tourism and overall development. After Bengaluru, Mysuru is the fastest-growing city. Bengaluru's transformation began with the establishment of its international airport and a similar change can occur here if Mysore Airport is fully developed. Increased air connectivity will attract large industries, bringing substantial investments to the region," he said.

Devegowda noted that while Mysuru's air services initially gained traction, progress had stalled due to various challenges. He commended MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar for his ongoing efforts to boost air connectivity.

"Mysuru serves as a hub for the Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Kodagu districts. Both the Central and State Governments must extend their full support for the expansion of air services," he added.

The MLA highlighted the critical need for coordinated efforts to extend the Airport's runway, including land acquisition, overpass construction, channel modifications, and re-routing of electrical lines. "Efficient coordination among officials is essential for rapid development," he advised.

He suggested enhancing the Airport's appeal by displaying images and information about Mysuru and its nearby tourist destinations. Key attractions should be highlighted, along with their distances from the Airport. "This would boost tourism and make it convenient for visitors," he remarked.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Mysore Airport Director J.R. Anoop and other officials were present at the meeting.

Outcomes of the collaboration

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SBD&BCT)- The meeting concluded with a series of agreements to foster mutual growth and unlock the region's full potential. The highlights of discussion include:

Operational support: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Mysore Airport officials, assured comprehensive operational support to Air Kerala. This includes providing the necessary infrastructure to facilitate smooth and efficient operations and ensuring the airline's successful regional entry and expansion.

Promoting culture and tourism: Recognising Mysuru's rich cultural heritage and global reputation as a yoga hub, both parties agreed to collaborate to promote the region's tourism and wellness potential. Strategic marketing campaigns will highlight iconic attractions such as Mysore Palace, yoga centres and vibrant festivals, aiming to draw both domestic and international tourists.

Establishment of an Aviation Academy: In a significant move to enhance local talent and aviation infrastructure, Air Kerala will partner with relevant firms to establish an aviation academy in Mysuru. The academy will feature cutting-edge facilities, including state-of-the-art ATR 72-600 simulator, to provide world-class training for aspiring aviation professionals.

Focus on eco-tourism and wildlife: Acknowledging Mysuru's proximity to renowned forest sanctuaries and national parks, such as Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, both parties emphasised the importance of showcasing these natural treasures.

The collaboration aims to position Mysuru as a gateway to eco-tourism and wildlife experiences.

HEALTH TALK

IVF: High Risk Pregnancy and Expert Care at Manipal

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Pregnancy is a remarkable journey, often filled with joy, anticipation and sometimes, uncertainty, particularly in the case of medically assisted pregnancies. At Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, patients facing such adversity find hope through expert care and advanced medical interventions. One such case was that of Prerana (name changed), a 37-year-old woman who conceived through IVF after facing two ectopic pregnancies and multiple surgeries.

Prerana's pregnancy, however, was complicated by several serious conditions, which required meticulous planning and expert care. Her journey began when she conceived through IVF in Bengaluru, after years of trying to become a mother. She followed up at Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, at 10 weeks of pregnancy.

However, by 20 weeks, she was referred to Dr. Shaheen Akhtar, Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, at Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, with an anomaly scan revealing placenta previa (a condition where the placenta covers the cervix, creating potential risks for both mother and baby).

Her situation was further complicated by other risk factors, including her advanced age and history of two laparotomy surgeries and the removal of fibroids. This combination of factors raised her risk of placenta attaching too deep into the uterine wall medically called placenta accreta.

Prerana experienced heavy bleeding at 26 weeks, which was controlled with medication and hospitalisation. However, as the pregnancy progressed, she began experiencing spotting and reduced foetal movements from 31 weeks. An MRI scan revealed a dangerous condition called placenta percreta, where the placenta had invaded the bladder.

A multidisciplinary team comprising Obstetricians, Cardiologists, Urologists, Neonatologists, Intensivists and Paediatricians began formulating a complex treatment plan. After counselling Prerana and her family, the medical team decided to proceed with surgery. A urethric stent was placed, followed by a pre-surgical procedure in the Cath lab, where a balloon was inserted into the arteries supplying the uterus to help control bleeding.

The surgery itself was a delicate and high-risk procedure. Under general anaesthesia, a midline incision was made and the baby was safely delivered. Given the risks of massive blood loss, a hysterectomy was performed, with the balloons in the arteries inflated at the critical moment to reduce bleeding by up to 50 percent. Fortunately, there were no bladder injuries and the surgery was successful.

Though the recovery has been challenging, both mother and baby are showing positive signs. The baby, who weighs 1.6 kg and is on a ventilator, is coping well, and plans for extubation are progressing.

Regarding the complexity of the case, "Women with a history of multiple uterine surgeries, such as myomectomy, caesarean sections or other uterine procedures, face a higher risk of complications like placenta previa, where the placenta attaches in the lower uterine segment. This condition significantly increases the chances of severe bleeding and requires expert care. Managing such high-risk pregnancies calls for a multidisciplinary approach."

With the support of a highly skilled, multidisciplinary team and the advanced medical infrastructure available at Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, Prerana received the best possible care to manage these risks and bring her baby safely into the world.

State Sports Conference in city on Jan. 19

Dignitaries play Lagori to promote traditional game

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar playing Lagori in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, in city this morning along with other dignitaries.

Mysuru, Jan. 4 - To promote the traditional game of Lagori, a tournament was organised for dignitaries in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, in city this morning. Today's event was a prelude to the Rajya Kreeda Sammelana (State Sports Conference) to be held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Jan. 19.

A total of 30 prominent persons were divided into four teams — Nalwadi team (led by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar), Mummadi (led by MLA T.S. Srivatsa), Chamaraja (led by MLA L. Nagendra) and Krishnaraja (led by Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan of Manipal Hospital). Two matches were played in which Nalwadi and Chamaraja teams emerged victorious.

Vinayak C. Hegde of Infosys, noted Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Ajay Hegde, actor-singer Shashidhar Kote, Srihari of GSS, Yogacharya Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar, Vasudev Bhat of Vijaya Vittala, Kamakshi Hospital Managing Trustee M. Mahesh Shenoy, Kiran Ranga of NR Group, Mysore Bar Association Joint Secretary & Kreeda Bharati State Convener C.K. Rudramurthy, Regional Convenor of Kreeda Bharati Chandrashekar Jagirdar, former Mayor Shivakumar, Journalist Ravi Pandavapura and others from various professions were part of the teams.

Kreeda Bharati President Dr. Y.S. Lakshmeesh, Secretary Mahendra Prasad & Joint Secretary Basavaraju, Sports Conference District Vice-President Charan S. Raj, District General Secretary M. Chetan & Joint Secretary M.E. Chetan were present.

The Sports Conference on Jan. 19 will also feature Lagori competition along with other games where school students and women will participate.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Gowramma**, W/o. Late J. Chinnaswamy, Bannur Hobli, T. Narasipura Taluk, VTG, Hanumanalu, Mysuru, Karnataka-571101, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath that, I have changed my name from **Puttagowramma** to **Gowramma** on my own free will vide affidavit sworn in before **Notary Udaya Kumar K. M**, Bannur on 1/1/2025.

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 4)

- **High Style:** Fashion and lifestyle expo-cum-sale, Hotel Regenta Central Javaji, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Science Theatre Festival Trust, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and Kuthuhali-Kannada:** Lise Meitner Day, showcasing the achievements and status of women scientists; Lecture on 'Lise Meitner: Life and Work' by Dhavala Suri, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; Lecture on 'Women & Science in India' by Nandita Jayaraj, a journalist who has studied women scientists and Lecture on 'Women Indian Scientists' by Kshama V. Bhanuprakash, Science Communicator, **4.30 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play titled 'Mussanjeya Swagatagalu' on the life of Lise Meitner by Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Nagarika Vedike and Poorna Pragna Vidya Kendra:** School Annual Day celebrations, actor Siddu Moolimani inaugurates, Nagarika Vedike Working President K.R. Srirangaiah presides, international sportsperson M.R. Dhanusha chief guest, Nagarika Vedike Hon. President B.P. Puttaswamy will be present, Adishakti Bandantamma Kalamma Samudaya Bhavana, K.G. Koppal, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore Round Table 21 & Mysore Ladies Circle 09:** 'Knights in Khaki,' The Police Shield Presentation Ceremony, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP, Seema Latkar, City Police Commissioner, G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, N. Vishnuvardhana, Superintendent of Police, esteemed guests, Tr. Kumarpal Jain, Area Chairman, Area 13, RT India, Cr. Komal Katariya, Area Chairperson, Area 13, LC India, Tr. Suraj Krishnam, AST, Area 13, RT India, Cr. K.S. Nagashree, AVC, Area 13, LC India, LMF Tr. K.A. Mohan Raj, Chairman, MRT-21, Cr. Sanjana Sriharsha, Chairperson, MLC-09 and LMF Tr. Ravi Koti, Convener, Knights in Khaki, will be present, Nityotsava Convention Centre, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Paddy (Munna Bhai):** Retro Nite in Black and White with live music by Singer Algy and team, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Institution of India (IEI), Mysuru:** Technical Talk on 'Defence Electronics Manufacturing' by Brigadier M.A. Shivananda, CQA (Ammunition), Kirkee, Pune; R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, **6 pm.**
- **Muddurama Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Pujya Sri Siddeshwara Memorial Lecture Programme, agriculturist-thinker Lakshmeesha Tolpadi delivers talk on 'Nature and Spirituality,' Chamarajanagar's Deenabandhu Trust Secretary G.S. Jayadeva will respond, Navajyoti Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 69th Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day and Anniversary of the Sabha, Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna (winner of Nadakishorotsava-2024), accompanied by Vid. Aditya Manikarnika on violin, Vid. Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Vid. Dheemanth Bhat on ghata [This programme is sponsored in memory of late Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar by Madhuri Thathachari], Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Srimad Bhagavata Saptaha, discourse by Vidushi Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **V.V. Creations:** Nava Sambhrama - Folk Music and Dance Programme and felicitation to 25 brave soldiers & 5 brave women, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayors Shivakumar & B.L. Bhyrappa and actor Shankar Ashwath guests, MBCT Auditorium, Akkamahadevi Road, Vishweshwaranagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

Kotharotsava Vaibhava: 'Sangeetotsava' at Chamundi Hill Temple from today

Mysuru, Jan. 4- As part of the 2025 'Sangeetotsava' programme of the Kotharotsava Vaibhava of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill from Jan. 4 to 13, the following events will be held at Deeksha Mantapa inside the Hill Temple from 6 pm to 9 pm daily:

Jan. 4: Nadaswara recital by Vid. Krishnamurthy and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 5: Karnatak Classical Music - Vocal recital by Vid. R. Raghu and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 6: Karnatak Music - Flute recital by Vid. V. Mukunda and troupe, Bengaluru.

Jan. 7: Karnatak Music - Veena recital by Vidu. Jyoti Ravindran and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 8: Karnatak Classical - Harmonium recital by Brahmachari, Sayakirtinathaji of BGS Shakamutt Narayanadhama, Bengaluru.

Jan. 9: Karnatak Classical Music - Violin trio by Vid. Mysore V. Ambaprasad, Amritavarshini and Vishveshwara Bhargava and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 10: Karnatak Classical Music - Vocal recital by Vid. R.S. Nandakumar and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 11: Devotional Songs by *Karnataka Kalashree* Ananda Madalagere & Rakshita Madalagere and troupe, Bengaluru.

Jan. 12: Karnatak Classical Music - Vocal recital by Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar and troupe, Mysuru.

Jan. 13: Goshti Gayana by senior and junior artistes of Mysuru.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 5)

- **Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College integrated with Sri Viveka Excel Academy:** Viveka Charitha - Exam Simplified and Career Guidance Programme for 10th std. students, Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College, Srirampura, **8.30 am.**
- **KSRTC Sri Kanakadasa Employees Association, Mysuru Division:** Kanakadasa's 537th Jayantyotsava, Kaginele Mutt Seer Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah presides, MLA K. Harishgowda lights the lamp, MLA Anil Chikkamadu unveils Kanakadasa's portrait and offers floral tribute, former MLA M.K. Somashekar releases calendar, former ZP President K. Marigowda felicitates retd. employees, Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha former President B. Subramanya presents Pratibha Puraskar, Hunsur's Cauvery Superspeciality Hospital Founder Dr. P.S. Lohith and Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum President K.S. Shivaramu will distribute 7th Annual Sangolli Rayanna Cricket Tournament Cup, Chikkammaniketana Kalyana Mantapa, Gaganachumbi Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar):** Sharana Sangama-301, Sri Shivaprabhu Swamiji graces the occasion, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College Assistant Professor in Kannada Dr. P.A. Nagaraj delivers lecture on 'Vachana Sahityadalli Sharana Parampareya Satva mattu Tatva,' felicitation to M. Parashivamurthy of Fire Station, Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar) President H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal) presides, Basava Bhavana, CA Site-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Rangayana:** Matina Mane, interaction with tribal artiste Helavara Mallaiah and troupe, writer Abdul Rasheed moderates, writer Banjagere Jayaprakash chief guest, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Rangayana Dy. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. R.S. Manoj from the famed Chintanapalli family, accompanied by Vid. Arunachala Kartik on violin and Vidu. Sai Shiv Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, **10.30 am.**
- **Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Pathrika Balaga:** Silver Jubilee celebrations of Savigannada Pathrike and Hoysala Award-2024 presentation, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipura Nambi Mutt (Melukote) and Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Sudarshana Narasimha Kshetra (Vijayanagar) will grace the occasion, Nrityalaya Trust (Mysuru) Director Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra inaugurates, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar releases 'Rajata Kannada' edition, cultural patron Dr. U.G. Shenoy and social worker Raghuram Vajpayee chief guests; Retd. Additional Secretary to GoI C.V. Gopinath, retd. AGM of Canara Bank Dr. S.T. Ramachandra and Pramati Hillview Academy Founder H.V. Rajeev will present awards, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Publication Wing Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna delivers talk, senior writers S. Ramprasad, Dr. Sudha Ramesh and Padma Anand will be present; Awardees are K.T. Veerappa (Literature); Dr. Aralumallige Parthasarathy (Spiritual and Dasa Literature); Dr. Gajanana Sharma (Literature); Dr. B.S. Pranatharthiharan (Literature and Akashvani Service); Dr. H.T. Shailaja (Literature and Education); Dr. T.R. Anantharamu (Science Literature); Dr. K.S. Sadananda (Medical); Dr. S.N. Hegde (Science Literature); Dr. K. Kumar (Dance); M.V. Roopa (Space Science); N.V. Dinesh (Education); Vidwan M.S. Naveen (Classical Music); Shringar Sanjivashetty (Industry and Social Service); Yashasvi Somashekhar (Industry and Rotary Service); Vidushi K.S. Ramamani (Classical Music); Dr. Janardana Bhat (Literature); R.A. Chetan Ram (Education and Personality Development) and S.K. Suresh (Social Service), Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Natana Rangashale:** Special lecture on 'Spirituality in Acting' by Scholar Lakshmisha Tolpadi, **11 am;** Staging of comedy play 'Mahapeede Mahablu,' written and directed by Rajendra Karanth, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Janaspandana Trust, Mysuru:** Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 120th Jayantyotsava 2024, Janaspandana Trust President M.K. Somashekar delivers keynote address, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah offers floral tribute, writer Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash presides, retd. Professor and Gandhian Prof. N. Boralingaiah delivers special lecture on Kuvempu, writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara and former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan guests of honour, Chikkammaniketana Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**
- **Geeth Gaatha Chal-23:** Down Memory Lane - Musical Nite by Doctors and their families, chief guest Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani inaugurates, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **5 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Special Lecture Programme, Prof. H.S. Lakshminarayana Bhatta delivers lecture on 'Jeevanadi' (based on DVG's *Mankuthimmana Kagga*), Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 69th Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day and Anniversary of the Sabha, conferring of 'Nadabrahma' title on Dr. Padma Murthy, 'Nadakishori' title on Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna (1st prize winner of 'Nadakishorotsava-2024') and prize distribution to other winners of 'Nadakishorotsava-2024' — Vidu. Pragna Adiga (2nd), Vid. S.S. Satwik & Vid. K.P. Pranav (3rd prize), Vid. Aditya Manikarnika (Best Violinist), Vid. Pranav Subrahmanya (Best Mridangist) and Vid. TRK Brothers (Best Male Vocalist - Ballary M. Venkateshachar Award); Sri K.V. Venkateshiah and Smt. K.V. Girijamma Memorial Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Varada Shridhar Kulkarni, accompanied by Dr. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
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- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'My Family,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers:** 32nd Anniversary Celebrations, staging of play 'Kalasutra,' written by Anikethana Bole of Mumbai, translated by Prakash Parviteeka, directed by H.S. Suresh Babu, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

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Desakkaran (Ma)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Marco (H)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.10 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	11.30 am
Kraven: The Hunter (E)	(S-3)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm
A Legend (E)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
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UI (K)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 1.45 pm
Desakkaaran (Ma)	(S-1)	9.25 pm
Max (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	6.25 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Mufasa : The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.25 am; (S-4) 1.45 pm, 6.55 pm
Kraven : The Hunter (E)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 9.15 pm

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Marco (Ma)	:	10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	3.05 pm
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After Breakup (K)	:	4.05 pm
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Guns and Roses (K)	:	6.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	10 pm

World must be ready for future pandemics: Experts

Microcosm 1.0 - International Microbiology Conference at JSS AHER deals with pertinent topic

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (BCT)- The Department of Microbiology, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, hosted a two-day International Microbiology Conference, Microcosm 1.0 on the theme, 'Innovating Microbial Solutions towards a Sustainable Future,' recently. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Anil Kaul, Vice-Chancellor of PHFI/IPHS University and Director of the Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad.

Delivering the inaugural address, titled 'A Few Strategies in Preparation for the Next Pandemic,' he stressed the importance of preparedness for future pandemics, highlighted the challenges of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and urged the students to champion innovation in microbiology.

Dr. B.M. Thyagaraju, Deputy Adviser for Science & Technology at NITI Aayog, was the guest of honour. He spoke on the role of microbial research in vaccine development and outlined initiatives like India's National Action Plan on AMR. He underscored the need for AMR surveillance and collaborative strategies to address this critical issue.

The conference souvenir, featuring abstracts from speakers, poster presentations and oral discussions, was released.

Prof. Arun K. Bhunia of Purdue University, USA, commended students' enthusiasm during the pre-conference workshop, which covered emerging topics like space microbiology. He emphasised the importance of food safety and its far-reaching implications.

Speaking on the conference's theme, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, reflected on COVID-19 and its lessons about global challenges, particularly the role of technology and innovation in addressing them.

In his presidential address, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor of JSS AHER, explored the fascinating aspects of microbes and antibiotics, touching on microbial ecosystems, antibiotic resistance, drug development, and vaccines.

The event's organisers, Dr. K.A. Raveesha (Convener), Dr. P. Ashwini (Organising Chairperson) and Dr. Ann Catherine Archer (Organising Secretary), were present.

At the conference, Dr. Kenneth M. Timmis, Professor at the Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany, discussed the International Microbiology Literacy Initiative and its societal impact.

Scientists from premier institutions such as NCCS Pune, Banaras Hindu University, IISER Kolkata, ICAR-IARI New Delhi and NCBS Bangalore delivered keynote addresses and talks on topics like antimicrobial resistance, microbiomes, probiotics, and bioremediation.

Over 300 delegates from across India attended the conference in hybrid mode.

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Mufasa: The Lion King (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Baby John (H)	:	1.15 pm
UI (K)	:	1.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	3.35 pm
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Rifle Club (Ma)	:	4.50 pm, 7.30 pm
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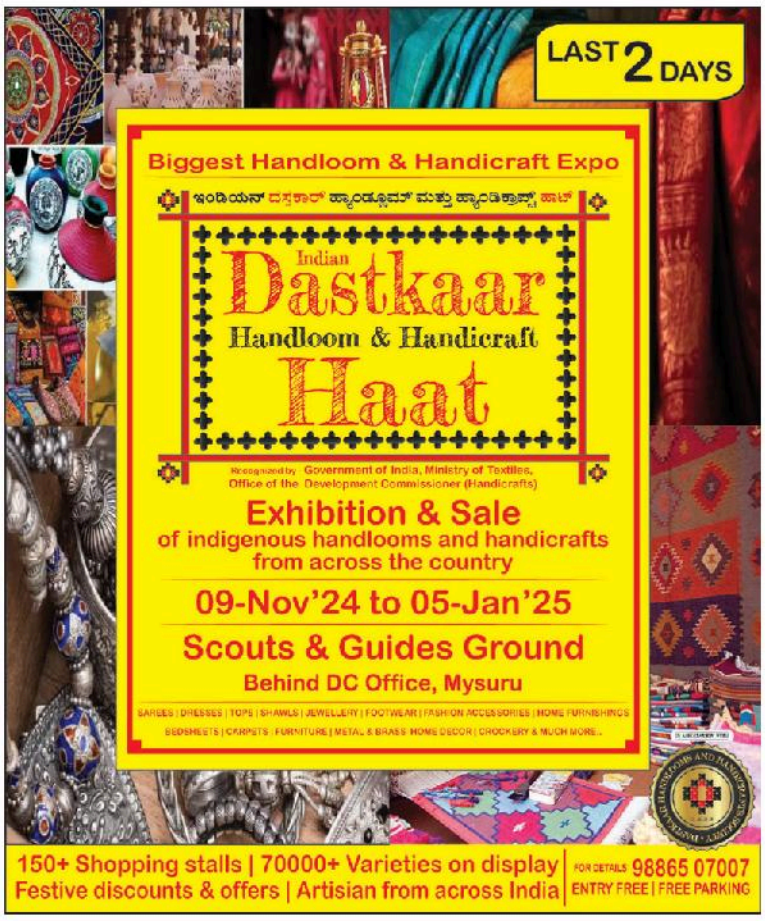
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